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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOVIET RESPONSE TO DPRK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MESSAGE

1. DPRK AMBASSADOR WAS RECEIVED APRIL 17 BY SHITIKOV, CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF TWO HOUSES OF SUPREME SOVIET. SHITIKOV CONVEYED RESPONSE TO APRIL 6 MESSAGE FROM NORTH KOREAN SUPREME PEOPLE' S ASSEMBLY ON PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, WHICH WAS REPORTED AT LENGTH IN PRAVDA APRIL 7 AND ENDORSED IN IZVESTIA COMMENTARY APRIL 10. SOVIET MESSAGE PRAISED DPRK AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' EFFORTS TO EASE CONFRONTATION IN KOREA AND GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO DEMANDS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM KOREA AND DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK. TWO ASPECTS OF DPRK POSITION WHICH HAVE BEEN IGNORED BY SOVIETS ARE PROPOSED COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH IN POLITICAL AND OTHER FIELDS AND PYONGYANG' S ALLEGATIONS THAT U. S. UNDERMINING NORTH- SOUTH DIALOGUE.

2. COMMENT: RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF SOVIET ATTENTION TO DPRK
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MESSAGE AND PROMPT RESPONSE ARE INDICATIVE OF WARMING TREND IN RELATIONS WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEGUN WHEN BREZHNEV RECEIVED NK PARTY DELEGATION ON FEBRUARY 28 (MOSCOW 2282). U. S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND UNCURK DISSOLUTION ARE PRECISELY THOSE POINTS RAISED WITH CHARGE BY MFA FIRST FAR EAST DIVISION CHIEF KAPITSA ON APRIL 2, SUGGESTING THAT MOSCOW HAS DECIDED TO PLAY UP THOSE ASPECTS OF NORTH KOREAN INITIATIVES WHICH IT LIKES IN CONTRAST TO SILENT TREATMENT GIVEN TO SOME DPRK INITIATIVES LAST YEAR. IN THIS, SOVIETS UNDOUBTEDLY PLEASED WITH APPARENT TOUGHENING OF DPRK POSITION ON PRESENCE OF US TROOPS IN ROK.
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